

Capital Garage
1320 New York Avenue, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-279

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
District of Columbia		Washington

HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)	HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

1320 New York Avenue, NW

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
1925-1926	Arthur Heaton

SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

Purported to be the largest parking garage in the world at time of construction. Unusual ornamental carving using automotive motifs.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Steel frame, smooth stone facing

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

10 bay front; 9-bay flank; 10 stories; flat roof

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Pilaster strips separating bays; ornamental carving consisting of automobile grilles, tires and bodies.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

Open plan, with connecting ramps

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

Demolished 1974; sculpture salvaged by the Smithsonian Institution

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)

Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.

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